

**Subject:** FW: FW: Sidewalk Vending Decriminalization  
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Hi Carol - FYI, update from John re: Vending.

Best,

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From: John Howland  
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 12:24 PM  
To: Laura Mecoy  
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Hi Laura

The City Council just voted 13-0 to approve the ordinances to end misdemeanor penalties for unpermitted sidewalk vending and to end misdemeanors for failure to pay ACE citations. CM Ryu added an amendment asking the City Attorney to report back in 15 days on what that office is doing to end current / on-going vendor prosecutions, that was approved.

Since the vote was 13-0, no second vote is needed. The Council is sending the matter "forthwith" (with all due haste) to the Mayor for his signature.

The first ordinance has an urgency clause, so it will take effect the day after it's published. No date given but probably mid-to-late next week. The other will be effective 30 days after publication.

There were approx one dozen supporters there. 5 vendors and Mike Dennis from ELACC spoke in favor of the ordinances (Dennis said its still a misdemeanor under section 63.00 to bend in parks and that must be ended). No one spoke against. And no action on Dennis' request was taken.

CM Ryu asked a number of questions to the City Attorney about amnesty for convicted vendors. These can't be overturned by the City (there is a process to have them expunged from the records).

Several other CMs spoke about the need to end criminal penalties given the

Trump Administration's ICE raids (their words).

CMs Blumenfield and Krekorian asked the City Atty about how the City can enforce the vending laws without an ACE ticket "just being the cost of doing business" and he asked if the City can still confiscate vendor property. City Atty staff said that ACE ticket costs will escalate per citation (though they need to report back on whether multiple tickets can be given in one day). And confiscation will not be allowed at this point, until new rules and procedures are opted by the City. Enforcement protocols will be recommended back to the Council in the coming months by the City Attorney and various agencies and offices.

Krekorian asked if civil liens and potentially civil contempt (vs. criminal contempt) can be levied on vendors who don't pay fines. The City Attorney will include that in their enforcement report discussions.

I realize this is lengthy, but want you to know everything that happened. Please let me know if you have any questions.

John

Sent from my iPhone. Please excuse any typos.